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The Third Term.

Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, than whom no sharper politician can be found in this country, says there is something more than talk in this "third term" agitation by Clevelandites. Senator Quay's opinion that the third term current for the candidacy is entitled to some weight. Quay is not swayed by passion or prejudice, but balances political chances with rigid impartiality. So far as political matters are concerned, there is no more sentiment in him than there is in the multiplication table. Quay is not a friend of Cleveland, but he thinks after a careful survey of the political field that Cleveland will be nominated next year, and that he will be a dangerous man.

If the judgement of the boss of Pennsylvania in this matter is right, then we are living in critical times. Only two or three of all the presidents we have had could have secured a third term. When Clay and Webster said, two or three years after Jackson's first election, that his pandering to the populace would defeat him when he sought re-election, John Quincy Adams, expressed the same view that his faults would be more likely to get them three terms than to retire him at the end of one. His advanced age, however, and his feeble health prompted him to retire at the end of his second term, but it is not improbable that he could have had another if he had desired it. Washington and Jefferson peremptorily refused third terms and then set an example which it will be very hard to break.

Cleveland has smashed so many parallels, that many would tremble for the third term precedent. If he should assault it, Grant, during his second term, in a letter to the chair man of the Pennsylvania republican convention, said that the time might come when it would be disastrous to the country to change a president at the end of a second term. Those conditions, however, did not come in Grant's time, and they are not in sight now. Gov. Oates of Alabama said, very justly a few days ago, that what was denied to Grant would hardly be given to Cleveland. The third term talk was started by a few democratic papers which hate Cleveland, and thus far has been echoed by only a few journals, and those of no influence whatever. Probably there is not the faintest reason to suppose that Cleveland seeks or desires another nomination, yet Quay's opinion that he will get it, and that he also has a chance to be elected, may make "Cesarism" an issue in politics in the next campaign, as it was in Grant's.

Statements are being circulated through Chinese newspapers to the effect that American canned and packed meats shipped to that country are diseased and unfit to eat. It has been ascertained that these statements originate with our competitive friends, the English merchants who are seeking the same trade. This is the kindly courtesy(?) which we were to receive from our English competitors in exchange for a share of the American market through free trade legislation. Our English free-trade friends may be able to injure the American trade in China through their peculiar methods, but they can safely assume that in the future their participation in the United States trade will be only such as our home producers cannot profitably meet. This is anticipatory, but it is reliable.

An eastern paper asks, but does not answer, the question, "what effect has Harrison's withdrawal on McKinley's chances?" None whatever, Harrison has not withdrawn and the reports that he has or is about to do so, may safely be disregarded. He is as much in the race now as he has been at any time since he left the executive mansion, and in all probability he will stay in until the end. In other words, he wants the nomination, and will accept it if it is offered to him.

In an address a few days ago before a woman's convention, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe spoke of the work by which women have "clubbified Massachusetts." Mrs. Howe has used the English language with so much ability that her opinion on new words is entitled to respect, but this coinage is more likely to be quietly "be-clubbified" than to find its way into the dictionary.

Minnesota, which was once considered out side the corn belt, reports this year more than one and a quarter million acres planted to corn, over two hundred thousand acres than were planted last year, and the crop is in a finer condition than ever before. A grand plant is the maize, and the boom it promises means hundreds of millions.

LIFE.

Contemplate the rattled rod.
 Life is both a lure and a goal.
 Each to hold in measure just.
 Trample appetite to dust.
 Mark the fuel and waftion spin:
 Keep to harness at a skin.
 Ere you follow Nature's lead,
 Of her powers in you have heed,
 Else, a shiverer, you will find
 You have challenged humankind.
 Makes are chosen marionettes—
 Coolest bargain of best bugs.
 Leap not, nor let leap the heart.
 Trot your track and drag your cart.
 So your end may be in wood,
 Honored and with manner full.
 —George Meredith

THE NERVOUS MAN.

You Can Tell Him by Looking at His Lead Pencil.

"The nervous man, who does not bite his pencil is the man who never uses one," said the doctor yesterday. "You can always tell a man who is a subject for treatment for nervousness by looking at the end of his lead pencil. The more it is bitten the more advanced is he as a subject for a specialist. These high strung nervous dispositions of ours must have a safety valve of some sort. In one case it is accomplished by a man chewing the end of his pencil. In another, as many of my friends do, during a conversation a pencil must always be in the hand, and the man is either scribbling or drawing all the time he is talking. I know one man who never undertakes to carry on a discussion without a pencil in his hand. He tells me that he could not think if he was deprived of holding one. Another man, who is a deep thinker and the essence of dignity, always draws pigs when talking earnestly upon a subject. He makes them all red-lead. Then, as a solution to the problem presenting itself, he goes back and places a curly tail upon each one. It seems to be the sign of success to him. There are hundreds of men who cannot talk business without they are smoking a cigar. It seems to brighten their reasoning powers. Other men tear paper.

"I know of several who fold paper and unconsciously tear it into all sorts of geometrical shapes, rivaling kindergarten children. Some even go so far as to chew paper. These little peculiar traits of nervous natures are the things which they rub to call up the genius of their best thought and judgment. And while one may think lightly of the value of these habits, unless the physician, by treatment, has made a revision of their nervous system, to deprive such a one of these eccentricities would be to make his store of judgment and common sense valueless as all the untold wealth which Aladdin lost when his lamp went from him."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Peninsular Medals.

Coming to the great European wars of the revolutionary period, we might expect a great crop of medals for our brave soldiers. But no; there are gold medals for superior officers, but for the die hards of the peninsular war, who often, by sheer hard fighting, redeemed the blunders of their commanders, absolutely nothing. As for the generals, Wellington complained that they were too thickly hung with medals. There is a splendid gold medal for Maida, the very finest of all our military medals, of which only 17 were issued.

Talavera was acknowledged in gold medals to commanding officers. And Wellington suggests that only one medal should be issued to an officer, and that future actions should be engraved upon it. When four actions had been scored, the medal should be replaced by a cross to be worn at the buttonhole. Decorations worn around the neck are "awkward to ride in," says the matter of fact commander. Frederick of York carried out the suggestion with a characteristic difference. The gold cross—Maltese, with lion rampant in the center, and surrounded by a gold laurel wreath—was issued to be worn by general officers around the neck, others at the buttonhole.—All the Year Round.

Nightcap Privileges.

Queen Mary's kindness took a very odd form in the case of the Earl of Sussex. He was a valiant warrior who had a great fear of uncovering his head lest he should take cold. Accordingly he petitioned Queen Mary for leave to wear his nightcap in her royal presence.

Her majesty, in her abundant grace, granted the petition twice over. His patent for this privilege is perhaps unique in royal annals.

"Know ye that we do give our beloved and trusty cousin and counselor, Henry, earl of Sussex, Viscount Fitz-walter and lord of Egremont and Purnell, licence and pardon to wear his cap or night cap, or any two of them, at his pleasure, as well in our presence as in the presence of any other person or persons within this realm or any other place in our dominions whenever he is during his life, and these our letters shall be sufficient warrant in his behalf."—Youth's Companion.

Counting Their Chickens.

Father—Now, see here! If you marry that young pupper, how on earth are you going to live?

Sweet Girl—We have figured that all out. You remember that old hen my aunt gave me?

"Yes."

"Well, I've been reading a poultry circular, and I find that a good hen will raise 20 chicks in a season. Well, next season there will be 21 hens, and as each will raise more chicks that will be 420. The next year the number will be 8,400, the following year 168,000, and the next 3,360,000. Just think! At only a dozen apiece we will then have over 200,000. Then, dear old papa, we will lend you some money to pay off the mortgage on this house."—Liverpool Mercury.

Two Answers.

The Interior of Chicago says: "A New England Episcopal bishop met a young minister at a social gathering and was introduced. 'Ah, Mr. —, am pleased to meet you. I am told that you are a Congregationalist.' 'Yes, bishop, I am a Congregationalist.' 'Ah, well, Mr. —, excuse me, but while I recognize you as a gentleman, I cannot recognize you as a Christian.' 'That is all right, bishop. While I can recognize you as a Christian, I cannot recognize you as a gentleman.'"

The Summit.

"Speaking of drawing," remarked the artist, "I reached the apex of the draftsman's ambition today."

"Ah, indeed?"

"Yes, I drew a check and it was honored."—Detroit Free Press.

Wendell Phillips always spoke in an ordinary tone, with very distinct articulation and careful pronunciation.

Bombast was cotton picking for the clothes, to make them stand out from the figure.

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WELL PAID FOR A FLOGGING.

How a Poor Naturalist Got the Beginning of a Large Fortune.

John James Magro, a quiet, middle-aged man, has had a career as romantic as that of Monte Cristo. Magro, says the Chilian Times, is now a Guatemalan millionaire, who lives nine months of the year in Paris. Twenty years ago he was a poor English collector of insects in Guatemala, and also acted as the British vice consul at San Jose.

One day Commandante Gonzalez ordered Magro to appear before him. Magro sent word that he would come in a short time. This incensed the commandante, and he sent a file of soldiers after Magro, and when the insect collector appeared ordered seventy-five lashes to be laid upon his bare back. This was done very thoroughly, and, when it was finished, Gonzalez shouted: "Give him twenty-five more for luck!"

When Magro recovered, which was only after careful nursing, as his back was badly cut up, he made a formal complaint to the British government. The result was that Guatemala was ordered to punish Gonzalez, and to pay Magro five hundred dollars (one hundred pounds sterling) for every lash he had received. In default of this, English cruisers would shell San Jose and other coast cities.

Guatemala readily punished Gonzalez, but tried hard to evade paying fifty thousand dollars to Magro. The British, however, were inexorable, and the poor collector was made a comparatively rich man in one day. As he had more coin than any man in the country at that time, President Barrios went into partnership with him.

Magro became one of the largest coffee planters, and also secured the contract for building docks in the ports. No one can land or leave one of these docks without paying toll to Magro, while he also levies a tax on all freight. He also owns valuable mines and tracts of timber. His fortune is estimated at one million pounds sterling, all due to one hundred lashes on his back.

THE SHELLS OF KNOWLEDGE.

Are Many Children Really Ignorant of Everyday Life.

It was startling to find, as I once did, a boy of fourteen who had been so persistently taught that the moon shone by reflected light that he believed the moon to be nothing more than an image of the sun cast on the celestial sphere, much as we throw a sunbeam on the wall, says a writer in Popular Science Monthly. He was greatly surprised at the time of an eclipse to find that the moon was a solid body. It reflected somewhat on the usefulness of geography to find children whose main impression, after a considerable study of the map, was that Pennsylvania was yellow and New Jersey pink, while for some unexplained reason New York was green. Doubtless things have improved since those days, but even now, in the year of grace 1895, the study of child psychology is revealing the fact that large percentages of our school children are ignorant of the most everyday realities of life. These same children can outtalk and outname their less schooled elders. They can make a quiet, cool boy silent and abashed in the presence of their worldly knowledge. But in spite of it all they leave an impression of undesirable helplessness. Now, we are all agreed that, as things stand at present, the school cannot be dispensed with. Its benefits are much too substantial. But it can be supplemented, and some at least of these deficiencies corrected. The early motive for the introduction of manual training was precisely this. It was a desire to bring boyhood back into a world of reality through an acquaintance with things. Dexterity in the use of tools, and in the handling of such stubborn facts as wood and clay and metal, was held to be important as a part of this reality. The work went on with earnest singleness of purpose and commands the respect of even those who see in manual training something much deeper than this mere convenience.

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Marks of Politicians in One Country Are Viewed Differently in Others.

"Give me a lit gal, will you, please?" asked one man of another in a theater lobby a few evenings ago, reports the New York Herald.

"With pleasire!" said No. 2, knocking the ashes from his cigar before presenting it to his friend.

"Thanks," said No. 1, returning the cigar, after lighting his cigarette. "It was kind of you to knock the ashes off for me, but let me advise you never to do it if you happen to be in the West Indies. They look on that as a deadly insult down there. The Cuban or Jamaican will hand you this cigar with the ash on, and you must snip it off for yourself."

"That reminds me of another curious custom, that I came across on the west coast. I was in L. B. and my friend took me one night to one of the cafes, where they sit around a table after the theater and drink light wines. There were women in the party and it fell to me after a time to fill a glass for one of them."

"I was sitting by my chair smoking, as my position I carelessly tipped the bottle backward, so as to backhand."

"Instantly my fair deeply, and there awkward pause in my position I poured wine for a lady to pour wine for a lady was to distinctly ally."

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